

THE TIMES Tomorrow

Breakfast television may not be taking audiences by storm but it will have a profound effect on the coming election campaign. David Butler reports on the problems of politics round the clock. Gavin Stamp speculates on the outcome of a new competition that could decide the future of one of London's best known landmarks. For three years the Forestry Commission has been counting Britain's trees with the help of a computer. High Clayton takes a quizzical look at the figures. Saturday tomorrow includes the weekend guide to the best events in Leisure, the arts and entertainment.

Guard on £2m armed raid charge

A guard working for Security Express was charged yesterday with the attempted armed robbery of £2,241,965 from his employers at Christopher Street, Islington, North London, on March 9. Alan David Roostan, aged 29, is also charged with the robbery of £135,000 from Security Express and McDonalds on November 26 last year, at McDonalds in High Road, Tottenham. He will appear at Old Street Magistrates Court today.

Solidarity calls May 1 protest

The underground Solidarity leaders called for mass May Day protest against Polish government policies. Mr Lech Walesa, whose wife was interrogated yesterday, said he had not signed the appeal but did not necessarily distance himself from it.

Adelman in

The US Senate confirmed the controversial appointment of Mr Kenneth Adelman as director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, settling aside doubts about his qualifications.

Judge dies

Judge Christmas Humphreys, Zen Buddhist, poet, herbalist and Shakespearean scholar, has died at his home in London. He was 82 and still the active leader of the Buddhist society he founded.

Ripper in court

Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, gave evidence in court against a fellow prisoner accused of slashing him in the face with a glass jar.

MPs' pay-offs

Most displaced or rejected MPs will be entitled to redundancy payments, normally restricted to those who unsuccessfully contest election, because boundary changes mean that more than 10 constituencies will officially cease to exist at the next general election.

Miners' claim

The National Union of Mineworkers is demanding a four-day week and retirement at 55 for its members in return for following the introduction of new technology.

Hitchens dies

Gerry Hitchens, who played football for England, Aston Villa and Italian clubs, died playing for a local team at Hope, near Wrexham. He was 48.

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Whitelaw yields on police access to medical records

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government climbed down yesterday over its plans to allow police access to confidential medical and other personal records, after a determined campaign by doctors and churchmen. Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, told the Commons that he had taken seriously and sympathetically their anxieties that the provisions of Clause 10 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, would adversely affect their confidential relationships with those who sought their help. He had decided to bring forward amendments so that confidential personal records relating to the work of the medical and other caring professions, including priests and social workers, should be exempt from the clause. Mr Whitelaw also indicated that he would be responding to journalists that the Bill will not force them to disclose sources of confidential information. Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office, will meet representatives of the profession, including the National Union of Journalists, the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, the Newspaper Society and the Press Council, on Monday to discuss changes. Under the Bill as drafted, police investigating a "serious arrestable offence" could have sought an order from a circuit judge allowing them to search the premises of doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, priests, and others for evidence. Mr Whitelaw, in a written reply to Sir Edward Gardner, chairman of the Conservative

Tory MPs pin hopes on June election

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The first parliamentary week since the Easter recess reached its climax yesterday with MPs of all parties preoccupied, above all else, with the question of when the Parliament will end. Conservatives, who know no more than their political opponents what may be in the mind of the Prime Minister, hope that some clue may emerge from the private meeting today at which Mrs Margaret Thatcher will rally those Conservative candidates who are not yet MPs. Among backbench Conservatives the ardour for a June election remains undimmed by the latest dip in the opinion polls, with Gallup in yesterday's Daily Telegraph reporting a halving of the Government's lead over Labour in the course of a month, and the Alliance parties falling back into third place. A clear majority of Conservative MPs appear convinced that who would prefer an October election. Mr Harold Wilson's fate in June, 1970, the last time there was a summer election, was cited as evidence of how opinion polls could flatter and deceive even when voters were less changeable than today's. After long months of trailing the Conservatives in the polls, Labour then found itself given a seven point lead by Gallup in May and again in June. But by polling day they were beaten, securing 3% per cent less of the popular vote than Mr Heath's Conservatives. Labour opinion is also divided, with most backbenchers unused to the party's mood at peace and still nervous of a June election. Mr Michael Foot would prefer an October date, believing that his front bench team will campaign effectively in the summer to sell their policies. However, some of his senior colleagues have suddenly grown more confident. Results of early canvassing in the districts of the elections next month, reported to Labour's south London headquarters, are said to show a marked increase in support. Labour workers believe that the Falklands factor, which gave the Government marked support a year ago, has now faded and that the publication last month of Labour's campaign document has reawakened interest in their plans. In the Commons yesterday, Mrs Thatcher, election or not, was willing enough to rubbish the Labour programme for economic recovery. Asked by an obliging Conservative to estimate the cost of Labour's plans she suggested a figure of between £30,000 and £40,000m a year. "The whole thing will be totally disastrous but they will never get the chance to implement it," she added.



Mr Francis Pym: Advising caution

they would not necessarily win a June election, but that their party would have a distinctly better chance of success in June than later. Nonetheless the polls have also helped confirm the view of those ministers, including Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons.

Attenborough flies into storm of protest

By Christopher Warman, Arts Correspondent

Sir Richard Attenborough arrived back in London from his Oscar-winning triumph in Los Angeles at the centre of a storm over his decision to attend a whites-only premiere of his film Gandhi in South Africa. He said he was determined to attend the premiere. In the Commons, Mrs Margaret Thatcher rejected a suggestion that she should ask Sir Richard not to go to South Africa. It was a matter for Sir Richard. "He must be free wholly to decide this on his own grounds." The Anti-Apartheid Movement delivered a letter of protest signed by its chairman, Mr Robert Hughes MP, which Sir Richard read on his arrival home, and later the movement received a statement from the UN. The message, signed by Mr E. S. Reddy, an assistant secretary general at the UN with special



Sir Richard with Oscars at Heathrow

responsibilities for apartheid matters, said: "A premiere limited to whites will be phylisphemy. It will be entirely against the spirit of Gandhi and the principles of the UN. The question is not merely that the director of the film will attend the premiere but whether the film, which was made in cooperation with India and deals with the life of Gandhi, shall be made available for a premiere showing to a racially segregated audience." Sir Richard said: "Obviously I thought about it hard and long. The first thing I had asked was that the film be shown to mixed audiences. I was told this was out of the question as there was no such thing in South Africa, and the only way the film could be shown was to segregated audiences." He has discussed the matter with a number of people involved with the situation in



Walking the course: Master Peter Phillips taking his father in hand after Captain Phillips had competed in the dressage at the Badminton Horse Trials yesterday.

Building societies welcome base rate cut to 10%

By Frances Williams and Baron Phillips

The building societies have been saying for some weeks that unless the banks lowered their interest rates, the cost of mortgages would have to rise. The extent of the danger was known yesterday when the Building Societies Association said that net receipts in March were only £379m, well below the £700m which is necessary to maintain the lending level. A total of £1,912m was lent to home-buyers during February and a further £1,905m was promised to mortgage applicants. At the end of last month the building society movement was committed to lend £4,203m. Mr Richard Weir, the association's secretary general, said last night: "The reduction eases the upward pressure on building society interest rates but nevertheless base rates are still a full percentage point above the levels established when the mortgage rate was reduced to 10 per cent in November." But he said that further reductions in base rates would be necessary for the movement to stay competitive for attracting investment. Money growth, page 17

Spitfire sold for £260,000

A Second World War Spitfire fighter, sold for £260,000 at a Christie's auction yesterday, will stay in Britain. The Spitfire, a Mark IX, reckoned by pilots to be the best of its type, was bought by an unnamed British syndicate. Squadron Leader Ray Hanna, who bid for the aircraft on behalf of the syndicate, said: "We all wanted to keep the aeroplane in Britain. It belongs to this country." The auction was held at Duxford airfield, near Cambridge. Squadron Leader Hanna, a former leader of the RAF Red Arrow display team, said he hoped to fly the Spitfire away later. He did not know where it would be kept.

Thatcher backs Cunard

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, yesterday supported the Cunard decision to send the Cunard Countess to a Maltese shipyard for a post-Falklands refit. She told MPs during Commons question time: "It does not seem to me unreasonable to say that we must have the ship back in the condition in which she was chartered by a certain date." Efforts had been made, she said, to find a British yard which could carry out the refit in time for the ship to be back in the Caribbean, for cruise work, on July 9. "It was vital," she said, "that the ship should be back on duty by July 9. It is disappointing that yards which did so well during the Falklands war were not able, in peacetime, to match that." Mr Michael Foot, the Opposition leader, said that the Prime Minister's response would add to the country's sense of outrage. "If she is so unwavering or unable to do anything about it, will she at least cease the hypocrisy of exhorting people to buy British?" he asked. He also asked whether the Government supported the "stiff" penalty clause which Cunard had imposed on the contract, and suggested that since the Ministry of Defence would bear 40 per cent of the cost of the refit, the Government could have threatened to withhold its contribution unless the work was done in British yards. Mrs Thatcher insisted that Cunard had its own cruise deadlines to meet, and that non-British yards had been able to accept the penalty. Parliamentary Report, page 4

Maestro strikers vote to stay out

By Barrie Clewley, Labour Reporter

More than 5,000 workers at BL's Cowley plant in Oxfordshire voted overwhelmingly to stay on strike yesterday amid warnings from management that prolonged action would jeopardize investment. Last night the action was made official. The dispute so far has cost £60m, stalled production of the newly-launched Maestro car for a fortnight and has constituted the most serious industrial relations problem at the company for many years. Around 4,000 other BL men have been made idle. The stoppage is ostensibly over BL's decision to withdraw "washing up time" during shifts, but the dispute is merely one symptom of breakdown in the relationship between the company and its Cowley employees and a sign of increasingly militant workers at the plant angry at what they regard as the autocratic attitude adopted by a management attempting to raise productivity. No further meetings are planned at the plant until next Friday, but there will now be closer involvement of national officers of the Transport and General Workers' Union. The Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service is likely to intervene in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Shop stewards at the works had recommended rejection of a revised peace formula from the company which would have phased out cleaning up time over a longer period. Management also said that, with the cooperation of the workforce, it expected higher bonus earnings would be possible from May 16. But the union says there can be no return to work until BL gives up its attempts to bring Cowley into line with other works and phase out cleaning up time. Mr David Buckle, Oxford district secretary of the TGWU, told the strikers yesterday: "Some people believe this is an olive branch from the company. It is a stinging nettle and if you grasp it you will be stung." Mr Harold Musgrove, Austin Rover chairman, has warned that a project to build a new executive car, codenamed XX, scheduled to be built by BL and Honda, was under threat because of the stoppage. The Ford Motor Company yesterday announced a fresh attempt to persuade workers at its Halewood plant in Merseyside to accept radical changes in working practices. Unions have threatened to strike over the attempt to introduce what they call "Japanese-style" patterns of work (The Press Association reports). Ford hopes to show all 9,700 employees a video film intended to allay their fears.

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Yards unwilling to take risk over Cunard refit

SHIP REPAIRING Mrs Thatcher: Efforts were made to find a British yard to carry out this work in time for the ship to return to her commitments on July 9.

Thatcher declines to end election speculation

PM'S QUESTIONS The only clue that Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, would give in the Commons about the date of the next general election was that it would be some time in the next 15 months.

Forces to train young volunteers

UNEMPLOYMENT The armed forces are to offer voluntary training places for the young unemployed, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, announced in a statement in the Commons.

Prior sees snags in Irish forum

ULSTER Any forum, such as that suggested by Dr Garrett Fitzgerald in Dublin, or any other initiative which in any way put at risk the views of the majority of people in Northern Ireland who wish to remain part of the United Kingdom, was bound to start at a disadvantage.

Next week's business

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be the Monday Debate on the Brandt report The Common Crisis.

UK leading way out of recession

FINANCE BILL The United Kingdom's financial policies now represented the broad consensus of international opinion, Mr Denis Davies, an Opposition spokesman, said in a statement in the Commons.

Resort boycotts Mencap in holiday hotel clash

By Craig Seton Mencap, Britain's leading organization for the mentally handicapped, has been told to stay out of an increasingly bitter controversy in the Devon seaside resort of Teignmouth over a hotel which specializes in holidays for the handicapped.

Shipbuilding move fails

HOUSE OF LORDS What has happened so far in a number of instances of the sale of public sector assets has been a public scandal, Lord Bruce of Donnington, speaking for the Opposition, said in the report stage of the British Shipbuilders Bill.

Foreign Service postings oversold, MPs say

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter British servicemen and their families posted to Hongkong are finding that life there is not all they had hoped and been led to expect it would be, an all-party committee of MPs said yesterday.

Mr Don Riddell, mayor of Teignmouth, said yesterday: "We do not need outside organizations to come here and tell us what good work they are doing. Mencap is a worthy organization but it should be using its best endeavours to end the differences between the hotel and the townspeople."

Mr Davies said the Government had made the year with a large part of its contingency reserve unspent, but there was less shortfall in spending than had been anticipated at Budget time, last month.

The committee suggested modest improvements in two elements of the local overseas allowance, paid to servicemen overseas where expenditure on items of day-to-day living is higher than in the United Kingdom, the first for the cost of air-conditioning and the second for the cost of running a car.



Colin Welland, Oscar-winning writer of *Chariots of Fire*, trying a different kind of chariot provided by David Evans, aged 12, at the remains of a sinner after him in his home town of Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside.

SPECTRUM



Violent, vigorous and vivid, India assaults the western sensibility. Next week, Trevor Fishlock ends a three-year term as South Asia

Correspondent of *The Times*: a period, he writes in his farewell to the region, during which 'there has been no dull day'

Mayhem in a mirror

The newsboy's aim is perfect. He stops his bicycle at the front gate and hurls the morning newspapers across the lawn. They touch down on the verandah and skid into the front door with a bang, startling the mynahs who shriek Reveille in the lime tree and wake the dozing nightwatchman. Unfolded over a cup of tea, the papers present their chronicling of astonishments, contention, confusion, anarchy and change as 700 million Indians grapple with modern times, and each other, in their ancient land.

Three die in police firing, the headlines say. Students riot over film tickets. Police kill Dacoits. Dacoits loot train. Monkeys attack police. Politician beheaded. Harijans beheaded. Harijans raped. Witches beaten to death. Urine from tap. Man leaps from funeral pyre. Pharmacists on indefinite strike. Four-year-old boy sacrificed. In-laws burn bride. Woman changes sex to make another pregnant. Monkey's death plunges town into grief. Gold found in semen. PM urges national unity.

Much mayhem is reported downpage, for violence is a commonplace, and the maintenance of order, even by ruthless means, is paramount. Police frequently open fire when crowds become frenzied and minor police killings rate only an inch of type. Buses are always crammed, and driven by ruffians, and their numerous crashes, culling people by the score, rate a paragraph or two.

Thanks to the seeping enlightenment provided by education and positive discrimination, some of the 100 million Harijans perceive their oppression more clearly. Of course, they pay for being uppity. The landlords, police and politicians who manage much of rural India with the aid of *lathi*, boot and gun have conservative ideas about social change.

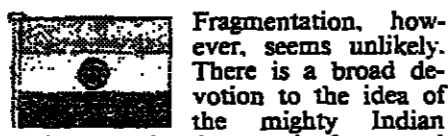
Newspaper majuscules are reserved mostly for politics, the abiding interest of the upper, ruling stratum, and reported proxinity and often impenetrably, so that reading politics is like divining meanings from tea leaves.

Politics in India is about personalities, not beliefs, not right or left. No disgrace is attached to politicians who switch allegiance for cash or access to patronage. In such a power game the policyless Maneka Gandhi can pursue her pique and start a party in the name

of her dead husband to challenge her mother-in-law. Without the name Gandhi the girl would be nothing.

The papers are the main mirrors, for broadcasting is controlled by rulers who fear that free presentation of news would blow air on communal flames as well as shine too bright a light on government. There are few television sets and Indian democracy functions without benefit of box.

Even without television, the hatreds of India's diverse communities seem sometimes to be spontaneously combustible. There is a deep and haunting fear of India splitting, of its centrifugal forces growing more powerful, which is why Mrs Gandhi talks often of unity and invokes the dread image of "the foreign hand", like a scolding mother telling her children the bogeyman will get them if they don't behave.

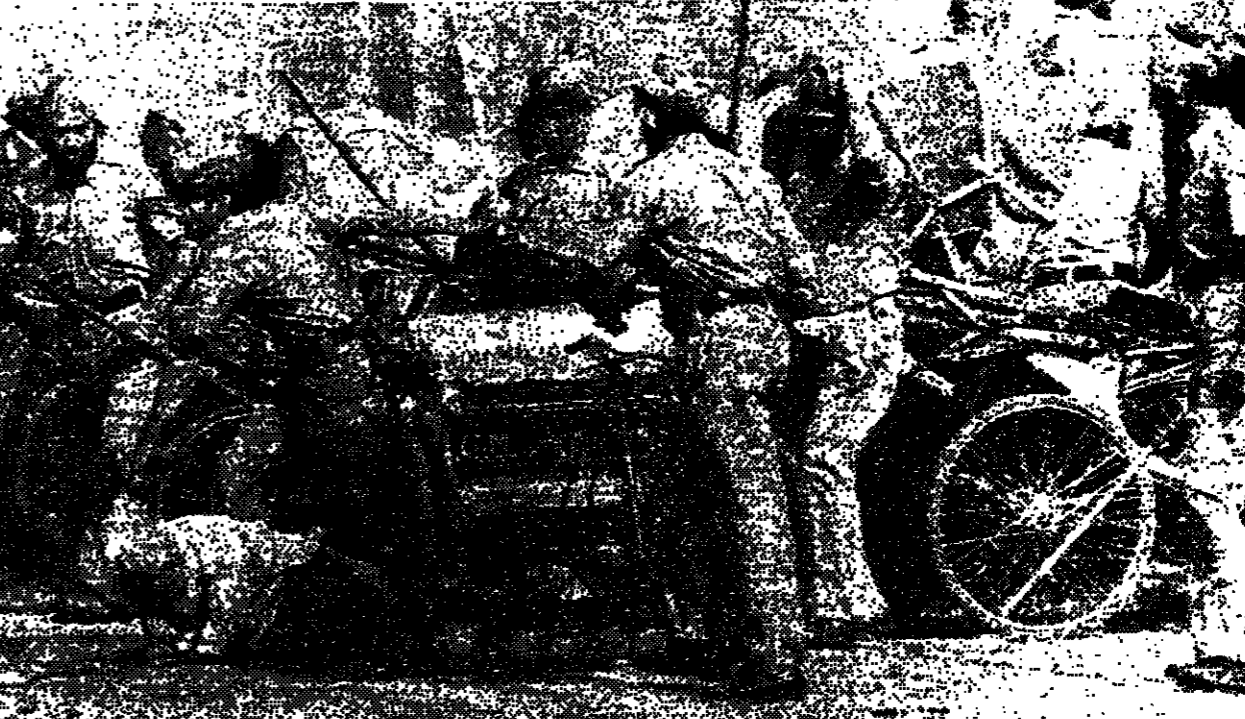


Fragmentation, however, seems unlikely. There is a broad devotion to the idea of the mighty Indian union and its democratic form, and even if Mrs Gandhi's centre cannot hold the union is unlikely to fall apart.

Local troubles are self-sealing rather than infectious. The crises of Assam and Punjab, for example, are contained, and remote from the majority of people in a vast land. The dismal experience of the emergency left Indians more politically aware and convinced of democracy's value. India is also fortunate in having an army free of political ambition.

The papers reveal a country of continuous clamour, of striking imbalances and contradictions. Westerners sometimes romanticize Indian rhythms and values, but Indians themselves are more practical and honest and recognize that theirs can be a cruel and appallingly unjust society. They are their own fiercest critics, railing against their apartheid, repression, feudalism, slavery, jails filled with rotting forgotten prisoners and the terrible pressures of a rapidly growing population on hard-pressed land and resources. It is almost unnecessary to mention something as ingrained and rife as corruption.

There is not much social conscience, and one is struck by a certain heartlessness and selfishness. Life here can be a scramble and a jungle. People



Indian images: top left, Mrs Gandhi; top right, Kurukshetra, where 1.4m gathered for a total solar eclipse; above, a battle between Sikhs and police in the Punjab

don't wait, they shove. When the firemen arrived at some burning shops near my home, the shopkeepers competed with bribes to have hoses turned on their shops first. I have seen people attacked by police *lathis* while onlookers hooted with mirth.

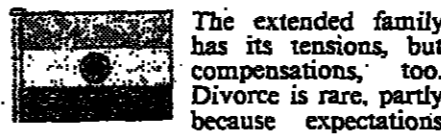
For all the corrosives and contradictions, there are great strengths and stabilizers in Indian society. There are aspects of caste which are abhorrent to institutionalized cruelty and discrimination. But caste, like religion and the emphasis on family, clan and hierarchy, is part of India's backbone.

In his caste a man may find identity, companionship, wife, job, political allegiance, prejudices and code for living. It is his shield in an unequal world.

So, too, is his family, for Indians live in close family groups ruled by respected patriarchs. It is the family that provides the welfare, that even does much of the nursing in hospital. *Nepotism is duty rather than sin.*

Most marriages are arranged by parents and most children like it that way. Marriage and family are too important to be threatened by the uncertainties of love, choice and youth. The marriage advertisements in the weekend newspapers provide a remarkable insight, dealing as they do with practical matters like income, height and peculiarities of prospective brides and grooms. "Bride wanted for

handsome boy. Has weak eyes but owns posh house." "Bride for Sikh, no turban, but keeps beard neatly trimmed." "Groom for 158 centimetre aristocratic wheatish-complexion girl with touch of whiteness near nails of hands and feet, but on no other place of body. Father top bank executive..."



The extended family has its tensions, but compensations, too. Divorce is rare, partly because expectations of bliss are lower than in the west, because society is male-dominated and because, with family honour, harmony and property at stake, there is greater support at times of marital friction. But things do go wrong and disgruntled parents sometimes harass their daughters-in-law, and may even set fire to them.

Widows can have a hard time because they are thought to bring bad luck. Superstition is important and cannot be overlooked. Astrology is taken seriously and not much of importance happens in India without the starmongers getting in on the act.

The intertwining of caste, religion and astrology underpin the acceptance of and submission to, one's earthly lot, and hold the carrot of hope for improvement in the next life. The

forces of caste and religion are part of the mechanism keeping the lower orders supine, which is one reason why India is unyielding granite for revolutionaries.

Indians love to talk about India and confess they find it baffling themselves. The paradoxes are abundant but have to be confronted, like the poverty, indifference and squalor, and the grotesque displays of wealth at weddings. The well-off have a horror of poverty: its proximity encourages them to strengthen their walls of financial security. There is a western idea that India is mystic. In reality it is emphatically materialistic.

Its conflicts and contradictions arise not only from the heterogeneity of its peoples — myriad cultures, 15 official languages — but also from the inevitably uneven nature of its development. It occupies both the twentieth century and the Middle Ages. It has research institutes both for space rockets and for bullock carts.

But then India is a land where the western mind, at least, has to adjust to amazement. Bandit chiefs surrender to Government ministers at public ceremonies, the equivalent of a Cockney robber giving up his sawn-off to Mr Whitelaw at Wembley Stadium.

Indians are justly proud of their country and of its achievements since independence, although some of these are threatened by the problem of

population growth, which has not been seriously addressed and casts a deep shadow. They are touchy about criticism and sometimes rub western fur the wrong way by seeming complacent about the cruelties of their country, and for being ready to hurl stones from their crystal houses. But in these things, as in clerical inefficiency, Micawberism and temporizing, they are merely like most other people.

India offers insults to the senses and sensibilities, and provides profound pleasures for them, too. It makes its daily impact on eyes, nose, ears and stomach. There is heat and dust; there are also mangoes and cool rain.

To be in India is to experience a fortunate adventure, an opportunity to witness a massive struggle for improvement and a dramatic experiment in mass democracy, to observe advances as well as India's shrinking illusions. There has been no dull day, and India has left its vivid imprints.

One day there were insects crawling in the breakfast cereal and I asked the cook to throw it away, along with the packet. In a land where there is little waste, he was scandalized.

"I used to work at British High Commission," he said, "and always the corflakes are having insects. So we take them onto roof, spread them on sheet and when the sun is hot the insects run away. Then we give cornflakes to the sahibs."

Singer and poet Gil Scott-Heron is an incisive spokesman for black America

Satire in search of a dream

Few visitors to Washington DC overlook the irony of black slums stretching back for miles behind the White House. The contrast makes the town a particularly appropriate home for America's leading black satirist and propagandist, Gil Scott-Heron, who is currently performing a series of three concerts at the Commonwealth Institute in London.

His scathing attacks on the American Establishment, half-sung and half-spoken, are backed by a fusion of black and Hispanic musical styles. The power of his vitriol and the infectiousness of his music have won him as many white fans as black.

Politically, Scott-Heron describes himself as a member of the Common Sense Party. Joining any organized group, he suspects, "tends to alienate you from the people you're trying to inform. And I'm an educator, not an organizer."

His manifesto is most tellingly delivered in a song called "B Movie," written 10 days after Ronald Reagan's inauguration, with witheringly contemptuous but often hilarious look at the system which allowed the Actor-President to be elected by 26 per cent of the registered voters.

Scott-Heron was born in Chicago in 1949, his father a former professional soccer player from Jamaica. His first 13 years were spent with his grandmother in Jackson, Tennessee, where he learnt the blues, his central musical influence. When he moved to New York it was to live in the Puerto Rican district, where he imbibed both urban poverty and street-corner salsa music. Stretching his lanky, languid frame, he explains that this experience "is what made me



Scott-Heron: "I'm an educator, not an organizer"

the tallest Puerto Rican blues singer in the world".

Scott-Heron interrupted his undergraduate studies (at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania) to publish two novels — *The Future* when he was 19, and then *The Nigger Story*. It was during this period, back in

Manhattan in the late 1960s, that he began to combine the old traditions of New York — jazz and poetry — with newer musical and verbal forms.

After completing his BA, Scott-Heron took a Masters degree in American literature at Johns Hopkins University, bringing him to Washington, where he still lives with his wife and daughter. As his performing career blossomed in the mid-1970s he maintained a post-teaching creative writing at the University of the District of Columbia.

He attributes the failure of the black radical movement in the United States to the attempts of talented organizers, particularly the leaders of the Black Panthers, to become educators and leaders too.

"Huey Newton and Bobby Scale were not philosophers. Their basic premise was self-defence. But when people started to ask them for a philosophy, they reached for that dialectic and this abstract. It confused more than solidified what their principles were. In America, you don't have to justify self-defence. The principle is simply 'I ain't gonna let these people walk over me any more.'"

Despite his reputation and his growing success, Scott-Heron has his critics, characterized by one reviewer who, perhaps unkindly, compared him to "a youth leader laying down the right line". He replies that he was the originator of many of those "right lines".

"We did a song about nuclear power six years before Three Mile Island," he says. "We did an anti-drug song, 'Angel Dust', at a time when other American groups were still pushing drugs on kids. We did a song called 'H2Ogate' 18 months before Nixon resigned. We did 'Johannesburg' before Soweto."

But Scott-Heron's satire — "my main tool" — defies easy ideological categorization. For, as he points out, "if music is universal, so is laughter"

Nick Rosen

Mixed doubles in the name game



I don't know who is in charge of making up the names for international tennis stars, but he does a grand job.

Reading the results of the Portuguese Open on Monday was a sheer pleasure, what with Mats Wilander beating Libor Pimek to get to the final, and Yannick Noah beating Jose Higueras. Even better was the men's doubles final, between Carlos Kirmayr and Cassio Motta, and Pavel Stozil and Ferdi Taygan. Kirmayr and Cassio Motta have the overtones of a couple of cocktails, with Pavel Stozil reminding me more of an East European plum liqueur, but on the whole these are genuine original names, and their inventor is to be congratulated.

But then he has been around a long time, assuming he was also responsible for Wojtek Fibak and Vijay Amritraj, Vitas Gerulaitis and Guillermo Vilas, Jose-Luis Clerc and Ilie Nastase — and was it he or his father who invented the name which first attracted my attention to tennis, Jaroslav Drobný? Only in the English-speaking field has he occasionally been banal, with Stan Smith, Jimmy Connors and Arthur Ashe, though even there he has tried hard, with names such as Roscoe Tanner. And his run of luck in the 1960s with macho Australian names was impressive: Ken Rosewall, Lew Hoad, Rod Laver, Tony Roche. Spot on.

Tennis stands supreme as a provider of names, rivalled only by classical conducting. (Otto Klemperer, Antal Dorati, Geza Anda, Carlo Maria Giulini, Simon Rattle, Zubin Mehta — they could all be fine tennis players, with Radu Lupu a dead cert for the men's doubles.) Motor racing is the only one which ever comes near it, with

MOREOVER... Miles Kingston

its curious penchant for mixed nationalities: Emerson Fittipaldi and Carlos Reutemann, for instance.

British soccer, by contrast, is pathetic when it comes to the provision of names, with the plethora of Garys and Kennys, Trevors and Bobbys. Robson, Nicholas, Francis, Neal, Wilson, Moore — can we really do no better than this? I sometimes suspect that footballers are allowed to retain their real names, despite the occasional flash of a Luther Blissett or Simon Stainrod, which shows that the old good invention is getting through.

It is only a short step from here to pointing out that British tennis suffers from the same desperate lack of creativity. Does British tennis not avail itself of the service that provides names for everyone else? That is the only explanation I can think of for the presence in the past of Mark Cox, Roger Taylor, John Lloyd and Sue Barker, and in the present of no one in particular. When have the British ever produced a name like Evonne Goolagong or Martina Navratilova? No wonder Wimbledon cannot produce a British winner. It isn't the coaching at fault. It's the names.

With this in mind, Moreover Enterprises intend to sponsor a summer camp for future British tennis stars. Anyone can apply, as long as they have a match-winning name. Already we have one or two talented youngsters coming through, such as Benwood Tarquin, Jerome Barrington-Oyster, Kelp Chluster, Wilson Slazboys and Fletcher Henderson.

On the girls' side, we have already enrolled Kim Burling-

ton-Danes, Anaesthesia Rattle, Malvina Cortois, Euphorbia Stakleys and Blossom Rossini. Their tennis can come later — anyone can learn to play tennis — but their names are winners already. I look forward to hearing from others.

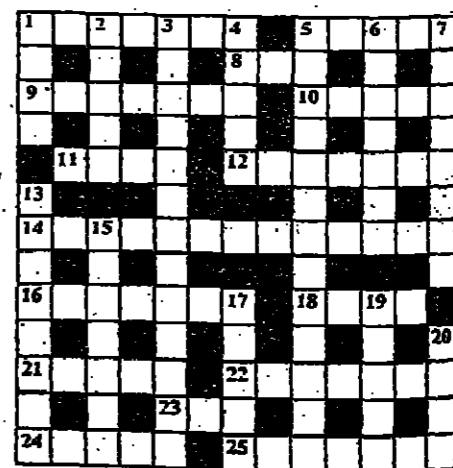
That this is not an idle pipe-dream is shown by further study of last Monday's *Times*. Under the Portuguese tennis report by Rex Bellamy there is a dispatch by Lewine Mair (at least our tennis writers have fitted themselves out with good names) on the British junior

championships, and I am delighted to see that she gives pride of place to the champion British girl, Shelley Walpole. Shelley Walpole! There's a name to beat the world with. I wish I had made it up myself.

Next week in SPECTRUM: Two extracts from Robert Fisk's *In Time of War* reveal Churchill's plan for Irish unity and Hitler's strategy for the invasion of Ireland

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FRIDAY PAGE

The Boss behind Honeybunch

In the bullet-proof parsonage where Eileen Paisley helps to pen her husband's fighting words, new red roses and old love letters keep romance alive

She calls him Honeybunch or My Sunshine and he calls her The Boss. Even after 26 years of marriage they can hardly bear to be parted and will telephone each other on the slightest excuse from the other side of the world...

Instead she has been shot at, blown up and even stoned. "When I was a Belfast City councillor I went to open some new council houses and there was a republican demonstration. It was crazy, I had just voted against their rents going up but they were so angry that the security men said we should sneak out the back way. Not in my city, I said. We faced them and I was hit five times and came home with bruises. It was like something from the Bible."

part of the MP's sinister Third Force, each with a current firearm certificate, do not exactly smack of Christian charity. But to Eileen Paisley her husband can do no wrong. She is as loyal as Caesar's wife, and far more able.

They live in a tree-lined Belfast suburb in an imposing house with an armed police checkpoint in the drive and 30ft rocket screens at the bottom of a garden guarded by a fierce concrete gnome.

She has been caught in cross-fire while driving home after a meeting and has seen the sickening aftermath of many bombs. "After one partition-bomb I could not hear for a week."

She smiles when I tell her a fellow Protestant described her relationship with Ian as Duty and The Boss. "He would laugh at that one, he has a great sense of humour. But quite honestly the best way I can serve Ulster at the moment is by helping him and having been a councillor I can take a lot of weight off his shoulders."

They are, of course, the Rev Ian Paisley and his remarkable wife Eileen, who opened the back door to me after a few minutes careful observation through one-way security glass. All doors are reinforced with a thick layer of bullet-proof armour.

"They have said if they cannot get my husband they will get me, especially after Maire Drumm, the IRA leader, was killed. But I believe we are mortal until God's work is done and obviously he has more for us to do. They just missed Ian once and I do worry when he goes out."

Eileen recently took her husband's place in an anti-IRA "truth crusade" to America when he was refused entry. A grocer's daughter, and educated at a formidable Belfast institution called Miss Elliott's, she took the tour in her stride.

A smile spread as she recalled her first meeting with her husband 33 years ago: "I was only 17 and right from the start Ian was the most romantic of men. For him it was love at first sight and he proposed on our third date."

"But it's no use running to the bank every morning to see if your money is still there. I put myself and my family in God's hands. If I lost them all I would still think it part of His plan." She now works so closely with her husband in his roles as MP for North Antrim, church leader and head of the Democratic Unionist Party, that she could continue if anything happened to him. It is all very honest as one sinks into the large family sofa, but appearances can be deceptive and I started to have the same uneasy feeling as in my dentist's well-appointed waiting room. Whatever Eileen Paisley says about her Honeybunch, his violent words have been the overture to each new cycle of the present troubles, words which this mild-mannered Belfast matron helps to write.

The couple begin and end every day praying out loud and Eileen talks to God while driving the car or dusting. "People think God is an austere man with a big whip to keep us down. But he is the God of love, or he would not have sent His son to die for us. If someone said to me 'Let one of your sons die for the sins of Ulster' I would not do it."

After proposing Mr Paisley was kept waiting on his knees, speechless for perhaps the only time in his life: "I was so surprised I just sat there for a minute or two in silence. He had really swept me off my feet. I don't know what I saw in him, it was just there."

The very name Paisley can inspire loathing from even the most moderate. "He is a rabble rouser," Lord Soper told his fellow peers after a Paisley rally. "He has a raucous approach and a dogmatic gesture. He is dishing a lot of simple people." The Methodist leader, with uncharacteristic venom, described Paisley's academic award from the Bob Jones University of South Carolina as "a self-inflicted doctrate".

They have five children, Sharon, 25, Rhonda, 23, who is studying art in America, Cherish, 17, and twins Kyle and Ian, 16. "We are not strict and this place is open house to their boyfriends and girlfriends. I would be disappointed if one of them suddenly joined the Communist Party but it would be no use saying no."

He always sent me flowers and love letters which I still have. In the letters he wrote not so much poetry, not rhyming poetry, but some very nice things. In the large comfortable sitting room with its piano, electric organ and family Bible, pictures of the couple smile down from the walls.

There was little evidence of Marxist leanings in the TV room. Ian was reading a devotional book while Kyle and Cherish were watching a Cliff Richard film. "Their father likes cowboys best and we tape them for him; his favourite is True Grit with John Wayne. He loves to be home." The Paisleys neither smoke nor drink alcohol.

Indeed, he rang at that moment from London to inquire about the health of his 13-year-old Afghan hound Jason, who is at the vet's. "My husband has been called a fanatic because he feels the strength of what he is saying. He has a big thunderous voice and it must be

loud; it would not work if it were soft", she says. His strength of oratory comes in part from trusting in God but also from the honey and cider vinegar Eileen makes him take every morning, in case his throat gets dry. "Where would Ulster's guard dog be without his bark?" quipped a Belfast cabbie. No doubt he would manage somehow, but he would be completely adrift without the quiet help of Eileen Emily Paisley.

And the pictures of Protestants grimly drilling on windy hillides as

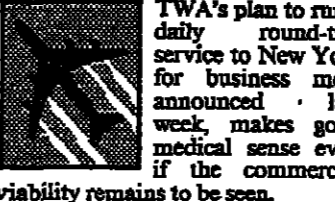
tables and on the wall is a collection of spoons from just about everywhere. There is a Victorian exuberance about the house which transcends taste: "Ian has phoned me from all of those places", adds Eileen, proudly.



Eileen Paisley at home with the Bark of Belfast

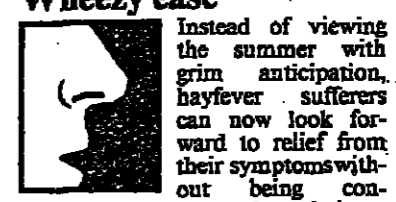
MEDICAL BRIEFING

When jet lag has no chance



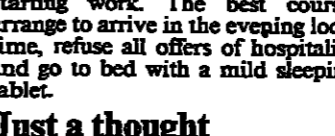
TWA's plan to run a daily round-trip service to New York for business men, announced last week, makes good medical sense even if the commercial viability remains to be seen. Dr Frank Preston, director of British Airways Medical Services, reminds us that the health advantages of a short stop-over have been a selling point for Concorde since BA first used it for their own there and back in a day service six years ago.

Wheezy ease



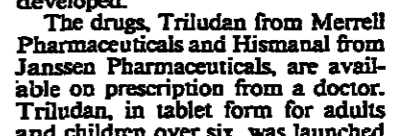
Instead of viewing the summer with grim anticipation, hayfever sufferers can now look forward to relief from their symptoms without being condemned to a season under sedation. More than two and a half million people in Britain get wheezy and itchy and develop a runny nose in spring and summer because they are allergic to pollens in the air. When the pollens are inhaled the sufferers' bodies release abnormally high levels of histamine, and this chemical causes the symptoms.

Just a thought



Since the outbreak of the mysterious disease which is still gripping the Israeli occupied West Bank, doctors have been puzzling over two different questions. What caused the outbreak in the first case, and why has it spread so quickly and affected so many people? Political tension has added to their difficulties. Whether the underlying cause can be traced to bottles found at the school where the first girls were taken ill remains to be seen.

Bristol fashion



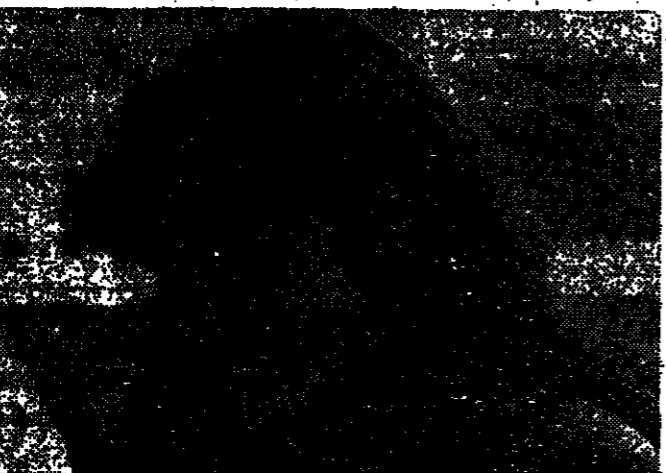
Breast-feeding mothers who come across the latest device to help them artificially express their milk can be assured that it was designed with their interests at heart despite its tongue-in-cheek name. American-born designer William Sponsel, who is a medical student at Bristol University, has called his invention the Bristol Breast Pump. He says he wanted to acknowledge all the help he and his family have received from staff at Bristol. "I just thought it was appropriate that everyone should share in it if it caught on."

Paul Pickering

Sleeping pills: the doses and the dangers

A young death that broke no law

On January 31, the day that her mother was due back from fortnight's holiday, seventeen year old Louisa put the finishing stitches in a tapestry cushion cover which was to be a welcome home present and made sure that part of a coffee cake she had baked was set aside for the returning traveller. Some time too during that day she swallowed the Normison capsules that killed her.



Louisa: anguished behind a carefree smile

Her mother, Theo, may never know the name of the doctor who prescribed these pills. It's probable that Louisa found her family doctor off duty, so it could have been any GP in Central London who, faced with a schoolgirl claiming rather frantically that she could not get a good night's sleep, reached for a prescription pad without paying much attention.

At the inquest, the coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, recording a verdict of misadventure, thought that Louisa had probably taken a small overdose to feign illness and so avoid going to school. Yet although the pathologist, Professor Keith Simpson, suggested that Normison was an unusual drug to prescribe for such a young girl, the coroner decided not to pursue the case further.

Professor Simpson agreed that it seemed unfair to pin the offence on any one doctor. He acknowledged that doctors tend to prescribe doses that are much too large, that such a highly-strung girl should perhaps not have been given any kind of drug but that such things are "wrong but not unlawful".

As things stand, anyone over sixteen can walk into any doctor's surgery and walk out again with a prescription with no questions asked, no tests taken. Louisa's family would very much like to identify the doctor,

if only to prevent such a tragic accident happening to someone else's daughter, but the pill bottle through which both pharmacist and doctor could be traced has somehow vanished between hospital and laboratory and courtroom and Theo's two letters to the coroner pleading for the return of the bottle have so far remained unanswered.

In the normal way of things Louisa would not have fitted Professor Simpson's description "highly-strung" but the weeks before her death were not in the normal way of things. She was in the throes of intense revision for her forthcoming A-level examinations in History and Biology, a time, according to her friends at St. Paul's Girls' School, when sound judgment is suspended.

The following Monday, Louisa pleaded sickness again and Elizabeth pointed out that their mother, on her return that evening, would be upset by this skiving. But Louisa rang the school, explaining that she was her own doctor unavailable, went elsewhere and returned with the Normison. Elizabeth thinks that she kept quiet about this "because she probably thought I'd be cross".

"It could have been any one of us," one school friend told Louisa's mother. "You reach a stage when the world revolves around the history essay you've failed to deliver."

Theo said: "We're a very close family, anyone could tell you that. We all love one another, we never have rows. But because Louisa was getting a bit snappy about her homework, I thought it would be more fun for her to be with Elizabeth, her older sister, while I was on holiday."

When her body was discovered early that evening, she was rushed to St Stephen's Hospital in the Fulham Road, where a doctor, on seeing there was nothing to be done, said: "These seventeen year olds; it's happening all the time."

This group of girls, like Louisa, had given up serious

boyfriends and any kind of a social life and the desperate concentration on exams may have added to the panic atmosphere. No photographs like the one on this page, taken just a few weeks before Louisa died, show a beautiful, laughing girl who is very much her normal, extrovert self.

Louisa's schoolfriends shared her problem of sleeping badly and their condition was summed up by St. Paul's High Mistress, Elizabeth Brigstocke, who told Louisa's mother: "Adolescence is a disease." Indeed, the lack of sleep and consequent nervousness may have made Louisa feel genuinely ill.

TALKBACK

The bright side

From Mrs Sheila Utting, 21 Curzon Place, Becontree, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 2PQ. With reference to Mrs Doreen Darby's letter (Talkback, April 8) may I offer advice to the millions of readers who suffer from distressing but not life-threatening complaints. I spend four days each week incapacitated by migraine and it is easy to lie in the dark swamped by self pity. The way to tolerate the kind of life imposed by my own problem is to concentrate on the quality of the three days in which I am well.

mentally we have to be strengthened by overcoming the problems caused by adversity. Maybe we can be the ones who will inspire others.

Friendly mistletoe From E. C. L. Butler, 30 Mayfair, Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon EX16 4NQ. In the letter (Talkback, March 26) Drs Anderson and Phillipson quote from your Modern Times column of March 24 "mistletoe is good for headaches". They point out that "mistletoe contains at least four classes of particularly nasty compounds". It is generally recognised that the berries from this plant are not to be used so one assumes that the writers were referring to the leaves. Jean Palaiseul, a French naturalist writing in Grandmother's Secrets, a recent Pagan book, says that mistletoe was in olden days used medicinally as the standard antispasmodic and

was particularly recommended for persons suffering from high blood pressure. He adds that modern research has shown that it is an excellent natural remedy for arteriosclerosis and high blood pressure because of its action on the vaso-motor nervous system and that it is therefore included in various patent medicines; also that it features in a method of cancer treatment known as "viscum therapy" which originated in Switzerland. A German publication states that mistletoe should be gathered between October and December or in March or April and agrees generally with M Palaiseul. It would be interesting to have further comments from those with a scientific knowledge of the subject.

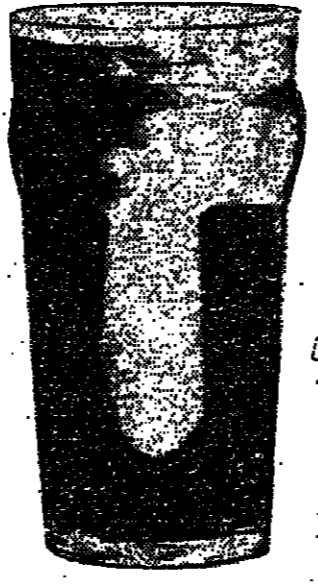
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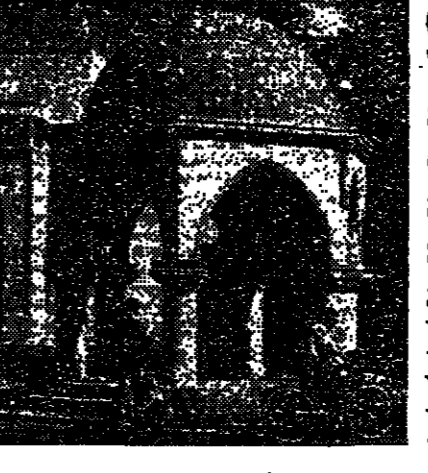
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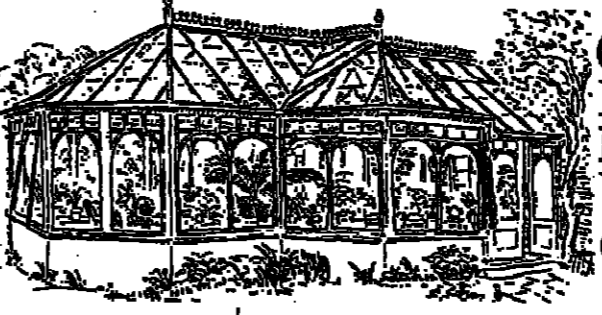
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WALES

Demands for devolution no longer divide the nation. The overwhelming problem is unemployment and united efforts are being made to attract new industries and holiday visitors while retaining Welsh traditions

Politicians, praise be, are not infallible. If they were then the social order in Wales today would have disintegrated before an unremitting wave of unemployment. Anarchy would stalk the land and despair be turned into rebellion. This was the scenario painted three years ago by a parliamentary select committee primed by warnings that by this time 140,000 people could be on the dole in the principality.

Sadly, that figure has been passed and now 17.3 per cent or 178,077 people are unemployed, but the Welsh have emerged stoically from the storm of savage de-industrialization to confound the pessimists.

From Shotton in the North to Port Talbot in the South, British Steel has shed jobs like leaves in an autumn storm and those communities have paid the price for relying too heavily in the past on one major employer.

It is a picture repainted in the South Wales valleys, where the reign of king coal has diminished until there are now only 33 pits remaining in the area. After July only one pit will remain in the Rhondda valley whose seams fuelled the warships of the Empire.

The towns of Milford Haven and Pembroke Dock in Dyfed are ringed by oil refineries but the hopes of unending prosperity on the back of black gold have been dashed against an unemployment rate of 30 per cent. And in Gwynedd, stronghold of the Welsh language and traditions, jobs have disappeared as the hugely impressive

Dinorwic hydro-electric power scheme nears completion. But not all is doom in the Celtic kingdom, for the Welsh, geographically on the wrong edge of Europe, are fighting back. Government-funded agencies such as the Development Corporation for Wales and Mid Wales Development, known until recently as the Development Board for Rural Wales, have been working unremittingly to attract and develop jobs in the country.

Last month in a stroke, worthy of the best of Madison Avenue, Mid Wales Development hijacked the legendary Orient Express and took it from King's Cross to the Harrogate Fashion Fair to convince the moguls of high fashion that the designers of the area have long since shed their "tawdry tapestry" image. Mythology dies hard but the populist image of a strike-happy workforce is no longer deserved. Even the miners, traditionally regarded as the backbone of Welsh working class militancy, could decide only by half of 1 per cent to strike over a threatened pit and that action petered out through lack of support from the other British coalfields.

Superficially, Wales appears to be just another integrated region of Britain and many a retired couple from England live out their lives in Colwyn Bay or Prestatyn without ever understanding the nature or the culture of their adopted land. They never see that away from the coastal caravan and candy floss plain, just a few miles into the hills, the rural Welsh live a different life shrouded in the secrecy of an old culture and language.

The language, spoken by some 300,000 people, is at its eleventh hour. It has withstood



Rhymney Valley, Gwent: the old industries have had their day, but new ones take their place

repression, discriminatory acts of Parliament and vilification from within to persist against the odds. But the greatest challenge has come from the east, with which Anglo-American pop culture is beamed into the home. Chapels have become bingo halls and the faithful of the Welsh non-conformist tradition are now mostly elderly.

Just when it appeared that the language was to be engulfed the Welsh speakers mounted a tremendous rearguard action and now the language enjoys a status that minorities in other countries, such as Bretons, can only envy.

While clinging stubbornly to cultural differences, politically the Welsh are firmly entrenched in the mainstream of British politics. Although urged to do so by everyone with the exception of the Conservative Party, the nation resoundingly rejected the opportunity of having its own devolved assembly. The result was a body blow to Plaid Cymru, the Welsh Nationalist Party, who manage

to return only two highly able members to Parliament.

Partly to meet this challenge the nationalists decided to campaign from a socialist platform but its first test under this banner did not improve its fortunes when its candidate was badly beaten at the Gower by-election.

More recently its campaign urging people to withhold payment of water rates because they pay more than consumers in England has received broader support and the issue is now to be tested in the High Court.

But it appears likely that the party will continue to remain as no more than a peripheral threat to the big battalions who at the next election will be contesting 38 seats, two more than last time.

In spite of the furious ideological battles that have beset the party in England, the Labour Party in Wales continues to project a caring, almost old-fashioned image and at the next election it will be hoping that this solid front can

help it to regain the losses it suffered last time.

The Liberal-SDP Alliance, which came second in Gower, will point to the legacy left by successive local Labour administrations when it takes to the hustings.

For the once mighty industrial valleys, where huge personal fortunes were made out of iron and coal, have some of the worst housing in Britain. Within sight of these mean, sub-standard homes, the opulent palaces of the masters still stand as a monument to incredible insensitivity. According to some estimates 40 out of every 100 homes in the valleys are unfit to live in, making a total of 15.4 per cent of Welsh homes sub-standard, compared with a figure of 9.6 in England. But the little two-up, two-down houses are the legacy of every government. It is just cruel that in a more enlightened age the wealth which caused them to be built so hastily has dissipated in the face of the world recession.

There are problems too in education where a worrying 25 per cent of Welsh schoolchildren leave after 11 years of full time education without a single piece of paper to take to a prospective employer. Alarmingly, in some industrial areas of the south where the old miners' libraries no longer function, this figure climbs to above 30 per cent.

Superficially, these factors might deter potential industrialists, but those who have made their home in Wales are generally delighted by the willingness and adaptability of the workforce. And communications are generally much better than is supposed for most companies.

In the South most concerns are within easy reach of the M4 motorway, while in the North the A55 is being developed into a high density artery. Communications between North and South Wales remain unimpressive but then most traffic flows eastwards into England.

In the vast, pleasant and underpopulated tract of the central region, Mid Wales Development has pioneered small factories providing 6,000 job opportunities and is continuing to attract industry in spite of a seemingly strange decision by the Government to abolish assisted area status for the greater part of its area. The agency backs up its work by an effective social development programme which has improved the quality of life in a host of ways ranging from assistance with the building of new community halls to the grant aid for improved television reception.

Inexorably entwined with its great neighbour, the Welsh steadfastly refuse to be completely assimilated. The Welsh are stereotyped by rugby and song, but find nothing amusing or derogatory in these associations. The love of both are deeply ingrained into the character. The similarities with their English friends abound, but under the surface the differences are as immovable as the mighty castles built to subdue them.

Tim Jones
Welsh Correspondent

ECONOMY Ready for the upturn

Wales, battered disproportionately by the economic gales which stripped the country of jobs after the boom years of the Sixties, is emerging bruised but fitter to take advantage of the industrial upturn forecast by the CBI.

The recession had a dramatic effect on the Principality, and in the steel towns of Shotton, Port Talbot and Newport the consequences were particularly shattering. More than most, those communities suffered from having their industrial eggs in one basket and as the steel plants shrank in capacity, jobs were lost in supply industries.

In the nine years to 1982, Wales lost 38,000 jobs in steel, and Mr Ian MacGregor, previously head of British Steel and now appointed chairman of the National Coal Board, recently told the Parliamentary Select Committee on Welsh Affairs that more redundancies could be on the way.

Abortive industrial action, coupled with threats of mobilizing the trade union triple alliance of steel, coal and rail, failed to halt the cuts and left, the bitter accusation that Wales had been treated more harshly than the rest of Britain.

Although the human cost has been high, with Wales now suffering from an unprecedented unemployment rate of 18.000, the strategy seems to have been vindicated in strict business terms.

For since the cuts in jobs, particularly in the last few years, productivity at the steel plant has increased dramatically. Llanwern, for instance, has recently broken through the four man-hours per tonne barrier, bringing it to 3-8 hours, and the plant has been breaking output records.

There remains, however, the possibility that long-term prospects for steel sales are gloomy. Some claim that the present slight upturn is merely a temporary quirk caused by companies trying to beat price increases or building up stocks slightly after a long period of run-down.

Largely because of the political muscle of the miners, the coal industry has thus far escaped the kind of slimming operation to which steel has been subjected. However, the failure, bitterly resented, of the other coalfields to back them over their abortive fight to save the Tynmawr-Lewis Merthyr colliery, coupled with

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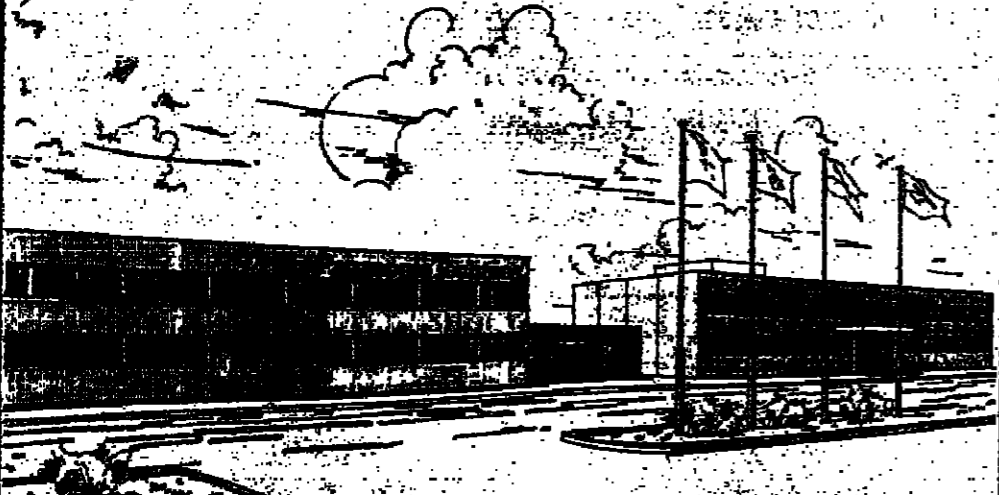
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INDUSTRY

Aid package brings in new firms

The way Wales goes about attracting new industries is getting a big facelift. One change has been the formation of WINVEST - Wales Investment Location - to take over from the 25-year-old Development Corporation for Wales.

This new organization has a core of Development Corporation experts who have been in the forefront of bringing foreign companies to Wales, but it has more muscle. It has been given responsibility for the allocation of advance factories and the availability of selective government cash aid to industry.

Previously, factory allocations had to be referred to the Welsh Development Agency (WDA) and financial assistance to the Welsh Office Industry Department.

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, in announcing that WINVEST would start on April 1, said: "The aim is to provide a one-stop shop for the prospective overseas investor and a sharper focus for our inward investment effort."

Throughout the recession Wales has maintained a good track record in attracting new companies although the scale of job creation has been swamped by redundancies in older industries such as steel.

The successes continue. A Finnish company has recently announced it is building a pulp and newsprint mill on Decside, employing 270 people, and more than 1,000 jobs are expected to be created in back-up industries such as timber and haulage.

At Bridgend, in South Wales, the American-owned Align-Rite Corporation is the latest high-technology company to select Wales. It will be the first on a new industrial park being developed by Mid Glamorgan County Council, and will make photomasks - a product used in manufacturing microchips.

Mid Wales Development, the promotional name adopted by the Development Board for Rural Wales, attracts a steady stream of new businesses to its advance factories. Recently, these have included a computer company at Aberystwyth, an engineering company at Towyn and the expansion of a golf

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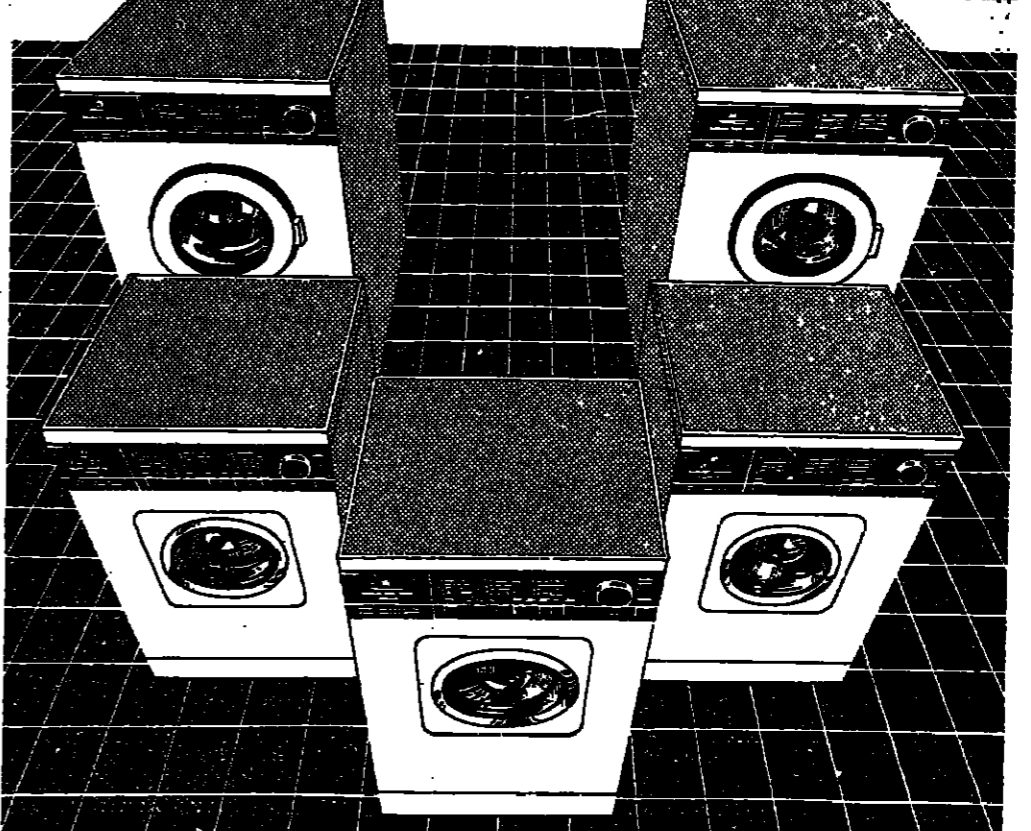
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POLITICS

The voters won't be taken for granted

There are recidivists in politics as there are in crime and, despite the short, sharp shock they were given in the referendum four years ago, some old lags have still not given up the idea of devolution for Wales.

on devolution, to define their attitudes to Wales and to assert their own view of it.

Not surprisingly, the Labour Party in Wales is at best wary about continuing to back an idea which has been emphatically demonstrated to be a loser.

And while it opposed the idea of setting up bodies like the Welsh Development Agency, the present Government has in fact been extremely solicitous, since taking office, to see that such organizations actually work.

After all, it was exciting to be at the centre of the political stage, to have a government spending two legislative years trying to establish Welsh and Scottish assemblies.

So Welsh politics exist to some extent because the organizations exist - most notably the Welsh Office, which has been given increased power by each successive government since the first Secretary of State took office less than 20 years ago.

But the election which followed the devolution referendum in 1979 is supposed to have demonstrated that, far from being a special case, politics in Wales were becoming more and more like those in England.

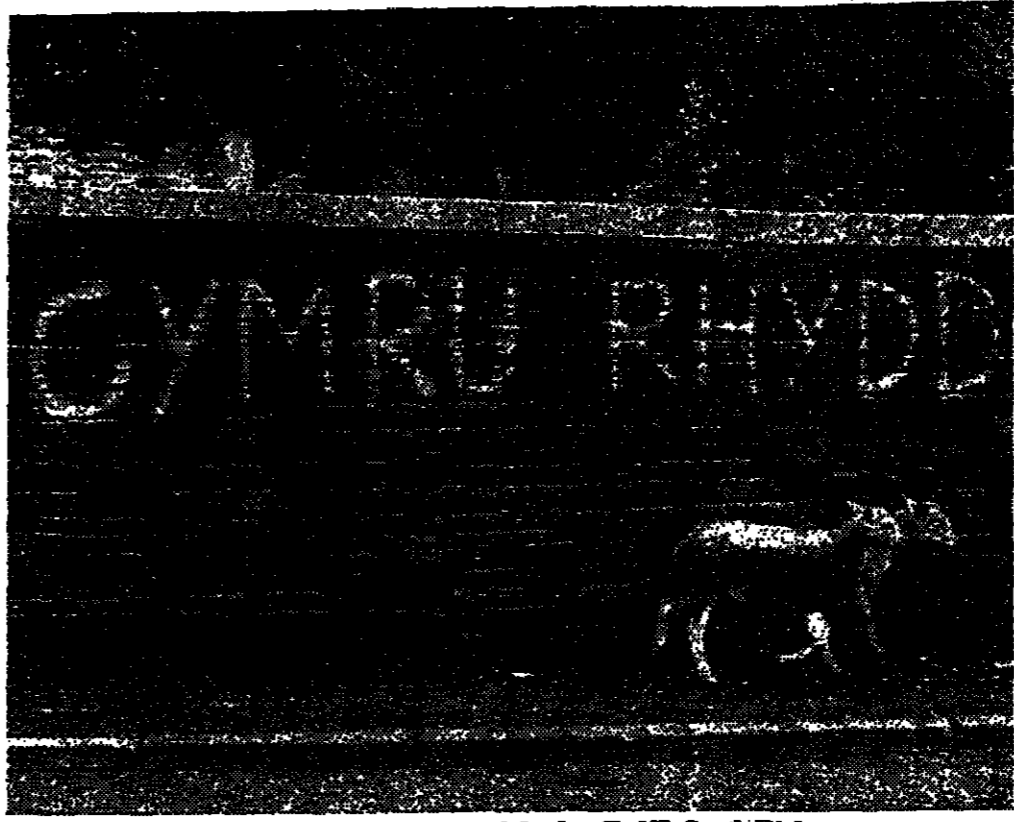
At the 1966 general election, Labour won 32 of the 36 Welsh seats. The Conservatives took three and the Liberals one. By 1979 Labour were hanging on to 21 seats, the Conservatives had 11, Plaid Cymru two and the Liberals one.

That was perhaps a rather simplistic way of looking at the results, and it is equally possible to argue that politics in Wales have become more, rather than less, distinctive, in fact, which was devolution, in fact, which forced the Conservative Party in particular to adopt a much clearer attitude towards Wales.

It would, though, be dangerous to underestimate the strength of the Labour Party in Wales, which is essentially cautious, respectable and traditionalist: last year, for instance, its annual conference voted for the expulsion of Militant. The party also retains its overwhelming control of local government in the areas of Wales in which councils are politicized, and its hold on traditional loyalties was demonstrated in the Gower by-election last September.

Whereas the Conservatives had insisted for many years that the future of Wales was inextricably bound up with that of the rest of the United Kingdom, they had, when Labour was making the running

in North Wales the quarrying of slate has long ceased to be a major source of employment and the industry now employs only some 400 people. But old mines, such as Llechweidd at Blaenau Ffestiniog, have been reopened as tourist attractions and their effect on the economy of the area has been startling.



"Free Wales" slogan near Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales

other places. It is impossible to escape the conclusion that Gwynfor Evans won Carmarthen for Plaid Cymru in 1974 because Conservative and Labour voters wanted Labour to lose. In the same way Labour lost Cardigan to the Liberals because Plaid Cymru and Conservative supporters decided to vote the anti-Labour ticket.

Not many years ago the excitement about that by-election would probably have been created by Plaid Cymru, who mounted some staggering assaults on Labour majorities in the 1960s. But now Plaid Cymru seems rather to have lost its way as it tries to combine issue politics with a traditional party approach.

There is no doubt that it was damaged by the devolution episode; throwing out the idea of an assembly by a huge majority is a pretty dusty answer to a party whose aim is self-government for Wales.

The campaign for a Welsh language television channel backed by a programme of civil disobedience can be counted a success for Plaid Cymru.

But there is a lot more to Welsh politics than a simple analysis of the decline of Labour, the rise of the Conservatives (and, just possibly one day, the SDP) with Plaid Cymru dooming around at somewhere under 10 per cent of the poll and the Liberals, as ever, failing to represent in seats their share of support.

Labour certainly lost ground with a majority cut from 10,000 to 7,000; but the Conservatives fell back too, coming third after competing for votes with the SDP particularly in the middle-class areas of the constituency. But what was most impressive about a rather dull campaign was Labour's ability to retain its solid core of support.

general election and further opportunities are likely to be available soon.

Two of Wales's leading politicians - Michael Roberts, the Conservative MP for Cardiff North-West, and Alec Jones, the Labour member for Rhondda, recently died suddenly within a few weeks of each other - sadly for those who like colour, energy and goodwill in their politics.

The Cardiff seat, it is generally felt, is naturally Tory, even if with only a 6,200 majority. But at the same time it is the kind of seat the SDP will have to win if it is to provide a really significant presence in the next Parliament.

Rhonda represents everything that industrial Welsh seats have always been said to be. A Labour majority of 31,000 testifies to the fierce loyalty the party commands there. A political mountaineer will need his oxygen bottles to climb over that lot. But even there the voters refuse to be taken for granted. When Jones was first elected 16 years ago, he had a majority of only 2,000 over Plaid Cymru.

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The BBC's Welsh Political Correspondent

Aid brings in the new firms

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club-maker at Newtown. Inquiries for WDA factories are up about 15 per cent over the 1981-82 year, and allocations have increased by about 10 per cent. And the Welsh Office Industry Department offered £23.3m aid to 159 companies in the first 11 months of the last (1982-83) financial year, compared with £18.8m of selective aid to 138 projects during the whole of the previous year.

The formation of WINVEST shows that Wales is not resting on its laurels, and the WDA continues to look for fresh ways of making the region more attractive; hence its new-style advance factories which are more attractive and energy-saving and have greater flexibility. The first factories are being constructed at the Dafen Industrial estate, Llanelli.

Mr John Pavitt, the WDA's technical development director, said: "What is happening today is that industrial and office-working conditions are gradually moving closer together. More and more industries want a pleasing environment to attract good staff and impress customers." The factories were designed after a survey of what industry wanted.

The setting up of the WDA's venture capital subsidiary, Hafren Investment Finance, was another initiative to bring jobs to fill the Agency's factories. It also forms part of the shift of emphasis away from factory building. The agency completed about 200 units last year, but this was about half the previous 12 months.

Hafren was launched in the summer of 1982, and has received more than 1,000 inquiries for aid. It will back businesses - especially with a high technology content in its products - with amounts from £10,000 to £100,000 in packages which can include shares and loans.

In less than a year it has invested more than £600,000 in about 15 companies, most of them coming from Wales. These include a business making satellite-television equipment and another in North Wales offering specialist diving services.

The agency has also ploughed £2.5m into Wales's first business centre for advanced technology - on the Desidee Industrial Park at Shotton. This will enable small businesses to work with research scientists.

The Development Board for Rural Wales adopted the Mid Wales Development title for its promotional work when it was given powers to offer grants to businesses.

According to Mr Leslie Morgan, the chairman: "when many of Britain's rural areas lost their assisted status in August, 1982, they lost everything they had to offer. Mid Wales did not. It has the board and a new grant."

Wales is the breeding ground for new ways of trying to counter economic problems. One of them, the Desidee Enterprise Trust, is a storehouse of guidance to companies thinking of moving into or expanding in Clwyd.

Mr Peter Summers, its managing director, said that it will help anybody with a workable idea. It might be that a company is looking for a factory or grants or a workforce - or just a sympathetic bank manager. The trust is backed by various organizations, including local industries, trade unions, banks and local authorities.

At the other end of Wales, the Neath Development Partnership has been instrumental in bringing workshop units to the area and devising schemes to boost tourism. The partnership grew out of an initiative by the Confederation of British Industry to help areas badly hit by the recession.

In another move, the Wales Trades Union Congress is setting up an advice centre with government, European Commission and WDA cash to encourage workers to form cooperative businesses.

Europeans' Commission money, including more than £150m from the Regional Development Fund, has helped improve the region's infrastructure. Now, there are high hopes that the region could capture the 5,000-job Nissan car plant. Three sites, at Cardiff, Newport and Shotton, are in the running.

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TOURISM

Welcoming the greenery back to the valleys

Stereotyped images are hard to erase. Just as Snowdonia is known to be beautiful, so the South Wales valleys are thought of as unmitigatingly miserable - grim, depressing places that the tourist has to motor through on his way to the Brecon Beacons, the undulating richness of Mid-Wales and the high grandeur of the North.

But the tourist should stop and investigate, for as the great industries of coal and steel have declined so the valleys are being returned to the kind of beauty they had before they were ravaged by the industrial revolution. Soon there will be only one pit left in the Rhondda valley, an area that was once synonymous with the production of coal.

The National Coal Board has spent millions of pounds on removing and landscaping pits and once-barren hillsides have been transformed into attractive wooded vistas.

As part of its effort to capture an increased share of the British tourist market, the Wales Tourist Board is cooperating with local councils in promoting a "Visit the Valleys" campaign. Six thousand brochures are being printed, extolling the virtues of the two Rhondda valleys, which also offer a treasurehouse of discovery for the student of industrial history.

Further west, private and public bodies have combined to form the Neath Development Partnership, which recently announced a £3.5m development, embracing nine separate projects which link existing facilities in the Gower Peninsula, Swansea, and West Glamorgan with the Brecon Beacons.

The partnership hopes that the scheme will provide 600 new jobs in an area that suffers an unemployment rate of more than 18 per cent, and its attractions are geared to creating a balance of interest for all members of the family. While some visitors will enjoy a leisurely canal trip, others will be able to ski down the most extensive main slope in Britain. Some of the attractions already exist and last year one of them, the Pencyson Wildlife Park, attracted more than 215,000 visitors.

The scheme is an interesting example of how both sides of industry can combine for the benefit of the community. British Petroleum, British Steel Industry, Thomson International, Metal Box, PSA Management Consultants, the borough council, the Wales TUC, the Welsh Development Agency and the chairman of the West Glamorgan County Council Education Committee.

"Tourism is big business in Wales and the latest figures show that in one year more than eleven million British visitors spent more than £450m in the Principality. An estimated £50m more was spent by 400,000 foreign visitors.

The splendid natural scenery and magnificent castles continue to act like magnets, but the changing pattern of holidays is causing concern to hoteliers. Research carried out by the Wales Tourist Board points to a continuing and worrying decline in the market for the traditional holiday of seven or fourteen nights in seaside hotels.

"A report by the board stated: 'We cannot put all the blame on factors outside our control. Wales has allowed its share of long holidays to slip by, failing to increase spending on publicity and promotion at a time when there was increased competition from within Britain and abroad.

"Nor was tourism helped by the impression that Wales was no longer a welcoming country. Acts of vandalism or protest seen by visitors in holiday areas, including the burning of cottages and the daubing of road signs, strengthened that view."

Being cruel to be kind, the Board has criticized local authorities and the trade for not spending enough on publicity. Wales, the Board maintains, is losing hundreds of millions of pounds of revenue because the country is not being properly promoted.

The overriding complaint made by visitors to Wales is the lack of facilities and things to do when the weather is bad. It is a myth that it always rains in Wales, although when the high mountains catch the clouds on their western edge the results can be pretty spectacular.

Wet Sundays in Wales are now far less miserable for the tourist, for following the latest septennial referendum on the issue, only two small areas prevent public houses from opening on that day.

While some resorts still offer little more than their natural beauty, Rhyddlan Borough Council has responded magnificently to the demand for more amenities by building at Rhyi a magnificent all-weather sun centre. There, for a reasonable entrance charge, a family can spend a whole day having fun, swimming and surfing in what must be one of the most imaginative ventures in the tourist field in Britain. Last year more than 500,000 people visited it to make it the top tourist attraction in Wales.

Further down the North Wales coast, Llandudno, elegant and peaceful in its sun trap setting has built a modern conference centre to expand its share of the talking trade.

Cardiff, the capital city, has recently joined the major conference league with the opening of the St David's Hall, a fine complex which has as its core a fine auditorium, capable of seating 2,000 people. It has already played host to a national Social Democratic Party conference and the city council hopes that eventually it will attract between ten and twenty conferences a year. In August, Cardiff Castle, itself a marvellous monument, is the stage for the annual searchlight tattoo, a spectacular and colourful pageant which easily rivals the one held at Edinburgh.

Culturally, there are still few greater experiences than hearing a full-blown Welsh male voice choir in full song. These dedicated amateurs continue to thrive and when two mighty choirs clash in competition the contest is as keenly fought as any cup final.



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LANGUAGE

The Welsh Not in reverse

After lying empty and forlorn for 20 years, the tiny hidden village of Nant Gwrtheyrn on the Lleyn Peninsula, in the Welsh heartland of Gwynedd, has been revived and rebuilt into a study centre for the Welsh language. Its renovation from the ruins of derelict cottages has become a symbol for the language itself. Almost submerged by the policies and pop culture of the 1950s and 1960s, defenders of the language have staged a counter-punching fight back to ensure its position as the strongest of the old Celtic tongues.

But if battles have been won, the war for the future of *yr hen iaith* (the old language) still rages, albeit at a much reduced rate, and the number of speakers is declining. Only 500,000 people now speak Welsh and they are to be found primarily in the west of the principality, which was largely bypassed by the effects of the debilitating industrial revolution.

Engulfed by a powerful neighbour with an international tongue, it is surprising that Welsh has survived at all. Parliaments, aided more often than not by Welsh members, decreed that the language should die and instituted measures to bury it. The most emotive was the Welsh Not, the board which was hung around the neck of any child heard speaking the language during the school day. The last to wear it was thrashed. The fact that children in some schools in Wales are now gently reprimanded if they are heard speaking English indicates dramatically how the wheel is turning.

Among the vast majority of monoglot English-speaking people there is a strong caucus who maintain they are discriminated against because of their inability to speak Welsh. In Gwynedd recently parents complained against the county council's declared policy of making all school children bilingual.

Their protest was led by English parents who have settled in Wales and the growing influx of families from across Offa's Dyke into the Welsh areas is creating a growing friction. At its most extreme, the fight to preserve the language and culture has led to the burning of holiday homes and more than 50 of them have now been attacked. The Welsh Language Society, which dissociates itself from the arson, claims Welsh communities are undermined by outsiders who buy cottages at prices local people cannot afford.

The Welsh Language Society, which has just celebrated its twentieth anniversary has embarked on a new campaign to compel education authorities to make better provision for bilingual education. At present, each of the eight authorities has its own policies and the society argues, a new board should be established to strengthen Welsh medium education throughout the land.

Crude research by the society estimates that such a body would require funding at an annual rate of £30m, a sum which in the present economic climate seems wildly optimistic.

In any event Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales has said that such a body would be "counter-productive".

During his term of office, Mr Edwards has had much first hand experience of the wrath of the language zealots. His car has been smashed and personal abuse heaped on him by extremists. In spite of that, he has managed to secure more money for Welsh education and voluntary organisations than the sums given by previous administrations and has publicly stated his commitment to the language.

The single biggest breakthrough in the fight for the survival of the language occurred last November when S4C, the Welsh language television station, was launched in Cardiff.

In spite of the establishment of the channel, regarded by many as the ultimate anchor for the language, the fight will continue. The Welsh Language Society plans another campaign against what it perceives to be the weaknesses of the 1967 Welsh Language Act which gave the language equal validity in courts of law with English. According to society members all official documents should be available in both languages as a matter of course. The battles and efforts to save the tongue have been impressive but the outcome of the war remains uncertain. It is a fight that only the Welsh can win, for without their commitment no amount of government aid or subsidised television can prevent the slow decline of their language.

Cardiff is also the home of the Welsh National Opera Company, whose scintillating performances have been acclaimed throughout the world. The City's culture is completed by fine theatres, where shows are often performed before they go on for a West End run.

Many of the performances are backed by the Welsh Arts Council, which treads a precarious course between giving assured value for money through the presentation of tried and trusted favourites while venturing occasionally into the realms of experimental theatre.

Its critics maintain that it does not give sufficient encouragement to Welsh writers. However, its support of Yr Academi Gymreig (The Welsh Academy), which promotes poetry and literature and has funded many workshops to encourage new writers, may indicate otherwise.

As a whole, Wales - weather, warts and all - provides an astonishing range of leisure and cultural activities for the tourist. From the sandy beaches of Cardigan Bay to the born-again valleys, its range of holidays ranks with any to be found elsewhere in Britain.

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Bid for Bilton falters

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings begin, April 11. Dealings end, April 22. Contango Day, April 25. Settlement Day, May 3.

offer from Trust the battle looks like a first round knockout for Bilton. Shares of Trust closed 1p lower at 83p.

That old bid favourite, Associated Fisheries, is back on investors' shopping lists this week closing 3p up yesterday at a new high of 74p.

Meanwhile, the latest cut in bank base rates of 1/2 point to 10 per cent was discounted by the market as share prices spent a quiet time for most of the day.

Blue chips were again singled out for attention including ICI 10p up at a new high of 426p,

after yesterday's article in The Times on brokers Wood Mackenzie's upgrading of profits. The Americans also came in for Beechams a similar figure higher at 413p and Glaxo up £13/32 at 28 21/32.

Girls spent another lacklustre day with the new top 10.5 per cent 1989 managing to close with a gain of £25 when dealing began. Less than half the £1,000m of stock offered was applied for.

The rest of the market recovered earlier falls of 1/4 to close unchanged on the day as the pound gained 0.4 cents to \$1.5405 on the foreign exchange.

The better than expected full year figures from Rio Tinto-Zinc gave a fillip to the rest of the mining finance sector with shares climbing 40p to 584p after achieving pre-tax profits

only £7m less than last year's figure of £348m. As a result the chartists reckon the whole sector is worthy of a buy including Consolidated Gold Fields 12p to 539p and Charter Consolidated 7p lower at 243p.

Shares of Fidelity Radio jumped 10p to 180p last night after the cord had unveiled its new group headquarters at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Already it has received orders from British Telecom. Last year Fidelity reduced losses from £3m to £245,000.

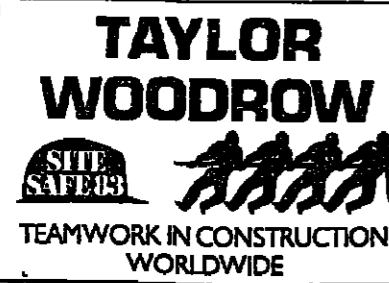
One of the highlights of yesterday's session was the market debut of Mr Eric Morley's Miss World Group. Brokers Schavereim placed 810,000 shares, or 42 per cent of the company, at 60p with various institutions. The first price quoted on the jobbers

boards was 133p - a premium of 73p in first time dealings - and valuing the company at £2.5m. By the close the shares had settled at 131p. Mr Morley said he was pleased to see the market judging the company as a commercial enterprise.

Unshaded by Miss World's debut was first time dealings in Bensons Crisps. First time dealings of the shares on the Unlisted Securities Market saw a premium of 33p over the placing price of 68p.

It looks as though Mr Michael Ashcroft's Kean & Scott wants to get a full quotation as soon as possible. The Unlisted Securities Market company has just completed a successful bid for the furniture group Alpine Holdings.

In electricals little Arlen Electrical jumped 15p to 300p buoyed up by hopes of lucrative orders for its new starter motor from the Hanover Trade Fair. Mr Arthur Levy, chairman, returned from the show yesterday. Bid talk was again good for 31p on Ranks Hovis McDougall at 63p. S & W Berisford had 15 pence of the shares and is thought to be poised to sell its stake to another bidder.



Trust Securities' daring £104m bid for civil engineer and property developer Percy Bilton was teetering on the brink of failure last night.

The National Coal Pension Fund has announced it sold nearly 1 million shares out of its total holding of 4.6 million shares (12.38 per cent of the equity) at about 274p earlier this week. Dealers said this reflected the belief among many institutions that the bid would fail and they would cash in their hands while the going was good.

Yesterday shares of Percy Bilton were unchanged at 288p - some 35p above Trust's original shares, convertible and cash offer worth 255p a share.

However, Mr Peter Jones, chairman of the much smaller Trust Securities, was under-terred. "I am extremely confident still. There is still no sign of the rumoured revaluation from Bilton and perhaps the institutions are now lacking confidence that there will be one", he said.

Investors have until next week to decide whether to accept the bid, but with still no sign of a white knight or higher

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Clive Cookson reports on how Xerox's profits fightback has an Eastern flavour

Copier king challenges Japanese



Industrial notebook
The cheap petrol era trickles away

Why is petrol still so cheap? In a week when pump prices were raised by up to 14p a gallon, one of the largest increases in living memory, the question might seem unnecessarily provocative. Yet it deserves to be asked, even though - indeed, particularly because - world oil prices are now falling.

It would clearly be absurd to deny that higher prices have had significant effects on car sales, and on the size and efficiency of engines, as Sir Michael Edwards, for one, would happily admit. Yet there is still a long, long way to go. A recent report by the Policy Studies Institute, for example, found that since 1973, despite the best endeavours of Opec, the number of cars in Britain has actually increased, by 9 per cent, while the average mileage of each car, both new and old, has also gone up, by 6 per cent. All the more, therefore, because more offset by increased consumption and car ownership.

Rank Xerox is launching the most extensive range of photocopiers the industry has known in a bold attempt to reverse a 10-year decline in profit margins and market share.

Rank Xerox pretax profits peaked at £316m in 1977

Xerox's particular determination to regain some of the market for cheap low-volume copiers, where the Japanese invasion started, Rank Xerox now holds little more than one-eighth of that sector in the United Kingdom.

make it for sale worldwide, including America. At the top of the new range, the 1075 (up to £27,500) was developed mainly in the United States and will initially be imported from there to Europe, though Venray will also make it in due course.

Shares of the photocopier market are hard to estimate because companies are not prepared to give away sales figures to their competitors. Xerox and Rank Xerox probably take 40 to 50 per cent of the industry's total revenues - including service and supplies as well as sales and rental of the actual machines. Their large installed base of high-volume copiers means more than half the world's plain paper copiers are still "Xeroxes".

managed only £179m in 1982. (The complexity of the cost and profit-sharing arrangements between Xerox, Rank and Fuji leave room for confusion; these figures are given before deducting the Xerox Corporation's charges for research and development expenditure; they include the Rank Xerox share of Fuji Xerox profits).

Mr Orr-Ewing warns that because of London costs, the 10 Series will not bring Rank Xerox any financial benefit this year. "It will be in 1984 that the chickens come home to roost in the financial sense," he says.

copiers is expected to grow from 200,000 in 1980 to 450,000 by 1983. This makes it impossible (or at least impossibly expensive) for Rank-Xerox to rely on its traditional practice of selling direct to corporate customers.

An explosion at the bottom end of market revenues. There is too much concern about the growing threat from American competitors, notably Kodak, at the most lucrative top end of the market where Xerox is overwhelmingly dominant, and from the Japanese moving into the mid-price sector.

APPOINTMENTS

Lloyds Bank UK director

Sir Peter Ramsbotham has become a director of Lloyds Bank UK. The clearing bank board of Lloyds Bank, Lloyds Bank UK Management. He will succeed Lord Beeching, who retires at the annual general meeting of Lloyds Bank UK Management as chairman of the southern regional board of the bank. Sir Peter has retired from his directorship of Lloyds Bank International.

The Japanese Copier Market. Table with columns: COMPANY, SHARE OF UK MARKET, Per cent. Lists Canon, Sharp, Minolta, etc.

Note: These figures are an approximate indication of each company's percentage of total copier sales during 1982/83, based on unpublished sources.

Jonathan Davis

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Large table listing various financial units and insurance funds with columns for name, bid price, offer price, and other financial details.

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

MEMORIAL SERVICES
ANGELIC... service of thanksgiving for the life of...

IN MEMORIAM
GAMBLE, BILL... remembered and loved by all who knew him...

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LAWTON... On 12th April at 10.15 am...

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CANCER
Give to the Cancer Research Campaign...

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VILLA TAYERNIA & PESSONO HOLIDAY & INCREDIBLE WEEKEND HOLIDAYS...

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Modern luxury flats, furnished and fully furnished...

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Various small advertisements including 'Part Time?', 'Secretaries for Architects', 'Country Property', and 'Devon, Brixham Fisherman's Cottage'.

Advertisements for 'I WILL PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD', 'BIRTHS', 'DEATHS', 'WEDDINGS', 'MEMORIAL SERVICES', 'ANNOUNCEMENTS', 'HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS', 'PILGRIM AIR', 'AUSTRALASIA AND WORLD WIDE', 'STERLING TRAVEL', 'UP, UP AND AWAY', 'CORFIOT IN CORFU', 'APRIL/MAY SUPER SAVERS', 'LOW COST FLIGHTS', 'ANNOUNCEMENTS', 'FACT', 'ALREADY NEARLY 100,000 members help the British Diabetic Association', 'BRITISH DIABETIC ASSOCIATION', 'MONEY-SAVING flights', 'LUXURY APARTMENT LONDON', 'RENTALPIANO', 'MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS', 'STEPPING STONES', 'TRAINER with 3 good 'A' levels grade C', 'To advertise in the Times or Sunday Times please telephone 01-837 3311 or 3333'.

Solidarity calls for May Day mass protests

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's underground Solidarity leader yesterday called for mass protests against Government policies on May Day, an appeal that follows weekend talks with Mr Lech Walesa, chairman of the banned union.



Back home: Mr Walesa with his wife in their Gdansk flat after the Solidarity leader's five-hour interrogation

The underground leaders said that regional outposts of Solidarity should try to secure the largest possible attendance at May Day rallies which would march under the slogans: "Freedom for political prisoners", "Restore citizens' rights", and "End price rises".

Attenborough in storm

Continued from page 1. South Africa before coming to Britain. Mr Shanthie Naidoo, Gandhi's adopted grand-daughter, also urged Sir Richard not to go.

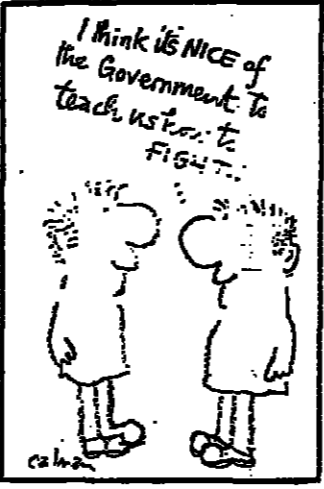
Jobless youths offered Armed Forces training

Continued from page 1. The Trades Union Congress is likely to oppose the training scheme (the Press Association reports). A spokesman said last night: "A similar proposal for military training under the Manpower Services Commission budget."

Park Royal printers reject peace formula

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The future of the Park Royal printing plant in West London has been thrown into doubt once more after 130 members of Sogat '82 refused to endorse a peace plan worked out between their union and management.



Parliament, page 4

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Thatcher treads warily on Gandhi path

One of the many charms of Prime Minister's question time is that we never know who is going to be mentioned.

Names from history frequently are introduced into the exchanges if any MP thinks any particular name might help along his or her argument. Among historical figures mentioned yesterday were Abraham Lincoln, Gandhi and Mr Michael Foot.

Mr Michael Neubert, the Conservative member for Romford, prefaced a question to Mrs Thatcher with the observation: "On the anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln..."

Mr Neubert paused as members started laughing, and that gave us time to guess what advice he thought it appropriate to offer Mrs Thatcher on the anniversary of the assassination of Lincoln.

Stay away from the theatre this evening? Look more statesmanlike during the election by growing a black beard and bushy black whiskers? Mr Neubert's advice turned out to be: "On the anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the Opposition would do better to remember Lincoln's maxim: do not make the rich poorer, make the poor richer."

"I agree with the quotation from Abraham Lincoln," Mrs Thatcher replied. "I also agree that under the last government, tax thresholds fell, whereas under this government, tax thresholds have increased by 5 per cent more than inflation, so there has been a real improvement."

So much for Lincoln. Next, Gandhi. Just as Lincoln was, for Mr Neubert's purposes, an early Thatcherite, so it emerged that Gandhi seems to have voted Labour.

This factor, together with the dismissals of the machine room men, could mean that the dispute is by no means over. The matter will be discussed at a machine room chapel meeting tomorrow.

Mr Maxwell said that the type-setting was to continue at Park Royal and that union members who have endorsed the deal will be paid normally. The dispute began on March 20 when 400 of the 600 workers at the plant were dismissed.

by presiding over the ceremonies to do with that film before segregated audiences?" Mr Dubs is a staunch opponent of segregation in South Africa rather than one, one suspects, than Gandhi, who, during his many years in that country, opposed discrimination against Indians, but seems to have said next to nothing about discrimination against blacks.

Indeed, he volunteered to help put down a Zulu rising, what would nowadays in the Labour Party be called a freedom fighters' struggle and was awarded a medal in the process.

Approving beams from Jenkins

Alas, we are being bludgeoned on all sides into adopting a pious tone when talking of Sir Richard's triumphantly misleading film. So Mrs Thatcher had to tread warily. She told Mr Dubs that the film maker must be free to decide whether to attend this South African showing.

But she took care to congratulate "Sir Richard Attenborough and all who took part in the making of this film on their splendid achievement."

Mercifully, she seemed to do so mainly on Thatcherite, commercial grounds. "It is good for British industry," she said, and she mentioned *Chariots of Fire* as well.

Mr Foot made his appearance during protests about the British ship that is being refitted in Malta instead of Britain. But the running on this issue was made by the SDP, the followers of Mahatma Gandhi, the spiritual leader of Britain's teeming moderates.

He did not take part in the exchanges, but beamed approvingly as one of his lieutenants denounced Mrs Thatcher for letting down Britain.

This restraint was in keeping with the Jenkins doctrine of non-violence, a doctrine which has got him into trouble with the fanatical followers of the young David Steel. Mr Jenkins is not built for a death fast over the issue, preferring to settle such matters with a slow lurch. I would rather have him as my leader than Gandhi.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Museum Road, Old Portsmouth: every day 10.30 to 5.30 (from today until May 17). Last chance to see Sir Edward Burne-Jones, M.S. and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham; 10 to 5.30 (ends today).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,104

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-27. Clues include: '1 No end of porridge for him (5)', '6 The poet's even received two awards from her (5)', '11 A quiet old president gives some sick - that's plain (9)', '27 Grant a concession (9)'.

- ACROSS: 1 No end of porridge for him (5), 6 The poet's even received two awards from her (5), 11 A quiet old president gives some sick - that's plain (9), 27 Grant a concession (9).

- DOWN: 1 Rock fruit's sound quality (9), 2 One of bird caught by father (5), 3 Wine-bottles belonging to David's grandson (9), 4 One crusading to get a title for Oswald (7), 5 Note about destruction of deer might produce fast reaction (7).

Food prices

There are signs in the shops that summer is on the way, with increasing supplies of English salad vegetables, particularly lettuce and cucumbers, tomatoes, radishes and watercress are also slightly cheaper. Round lettuce are 20-25p each, cucumbers 30-45p, spring onions 15-30p a bunch, and good-quality hot-house tomatoes 75-90p a pound.

Roads

London and South-east: Abbott Road, linking A102 Blackwall Tunnel approach and A13 East London Road, closed southbound; southbound traffic on A102 must leave at A11 Bow Road or go through tunnel. A3216: One lane only at Chelsea Bridge; use Albert, Battersea or Vauxhall bridges as alternatives. Road works on Sunbury Road/Elmington Road, Hampton; avoid Hampton Court area.

Weather forecast

London, East Angles, SE Central S and N, E, SW, NW and NE England, Chester, Wales, West Dry, sunny periods, some mist or fog patches soon dispersing; wind variable, light; max 11-13C (52-55F). An anticyclone will move slowly E across S England. A weak trough of low pressure will approach NW Scotland later.

The papers

"If Gandhi were alive today and living once more in South Africa, he would be wearing a white turban and without hope of release," the Daily Mirror says. "He would be a non-citizen. And for no other reason than that he was the wrong colour. That is why Sir Richard Attenborough is mistaken to go to the all-white premiere of his film about Gandhi (In Johannesburg) next week..."

Best Wines

In a blind tasting of Leibfroh-mulch wines, two tied for top placing: Blue Nun 1981 (£2.99), El Sical and Sons, widely stocked and Leibfroh-mulch 1981, Hans J. W. Huesgen (£2.29). Devotions Wine shops. Source: Decanter magazine.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia's, Austria's, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, and Yugoslavia.

Lighting-up time

Table showing lighting-up times for various locations including London, Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester, and Newcastle.

London

Yesterday's Temp: max 7 to 7.5m, 13C (55F); min 7 to 7.5m, 8C (46F). Highest temp: 16.2C (61F); lowest temp: 4.2C (39F). Lightest sunrise: 6.12am; heaviest sunset: 6.12pm.

High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Avonmouth, Bristol, Cardiff, Newport, Southampton, and Swansea.

Around Britain

Table showing weather forecasts for various locations around Britain including Aberdeen, Glasgow, Newcastle, London, and Southampton.

Abroad

Table showing weather forecasts for various international locations including Algeria, Algeria, Algeria, Algeria, Algeria, Algeria, Algeria, Algeria, Algeria, Algeria.